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追い詰められているのはどちらだか分からない。
死の稜線でにらみ合う二人の魔物。
一歩踏み外せば阿鼻叫喚の待つ冥界の広間へ。
魔物は憤怒の炎で四方を焼き尽くさんばかりの灼熱の王。
鼻を鳴らし、息を喘がせ、牙からしたたりおちる涎は理性を溶かす。
一方の魔物は、廃坑の入り口のような真っ黒な闇に佇む。
全てを…光までも吸い込むブラックホールのごとく
からっぽな眼窩で灼熱の王を見つめる。
――後に神域の男として裏社会に君臨する赤木しげるだ。

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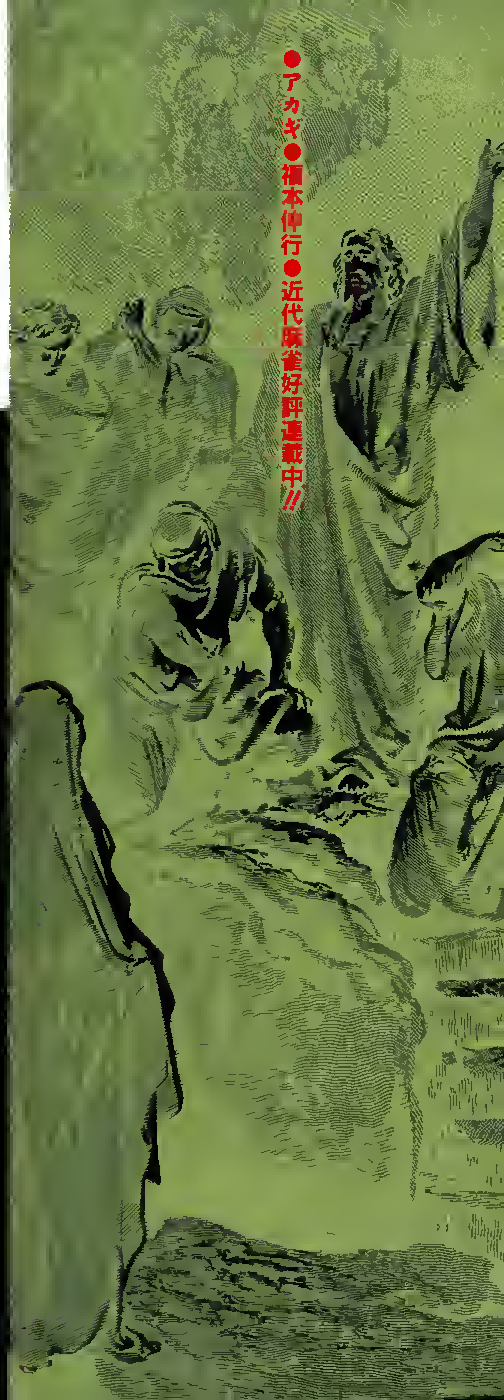

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あらすじ

昭和33年。チキンランを生き残った少年・赤木しげるは、初めて打つ麻雀でも異才を発揮し、ヤクザ相手の勝負に次々と勝利を収めてゆく。

昭和40年。退屈に倦んだ資産家・鷲巣は、血液を賭ける狂気の麻雀を行っていた。アカギ・仰木・安岡の3人は、殺人鬼・鷲巣を狩るため、生き血を賭けた勝負・鷲巣麻雀に挑む。5回戦を終え、アカギは約5億円を奪う。鷲巣の残り資産は2755万円。新たに順位負けの血液精算とチョンボの支払いをアカギと鷲巣のサシで支払う取り決めを追加。6回戦、親・鷲巣の手はどこまで伸びるのか!?

登場人物

鷲巣 権力を利用して巨万の富を築いた老人。麻雀で若者の命をもてあそぶ

安岡 不良刑事。アカギを立てて鷲巣の資産5億円を奪おうとしている。

仰木 稲田組の若頭。安岡の誘いに乗りアカギを使って鷲巣に挑戦する。

岡本 **鈴木** 鷲巣の部下たち。

【鷲巣麻雀概要】

アカギが半荘6回戦を戦い抜けばアカギ側の勝利。途中でアカギが絶命すれば、それまでに得た現金も全て没収、鷲巣側の勝利となる。

●レート:1000点＝100万円＝血液100cc。アカギと鷲巣のサシ勝負。ウマ(1万・3万)・オカを加算したポイント差で半荘ごとに精算。アカギの致死量2000ccは点棒2万点に相当し、鷲巣の現有資産5億円は50万点に相当する。

●ガラス牌:1種4牌のうち3枚が透明ガラス牌。

●ボーナス払い:半荘精算時以外にも、アカギと鷲巣の間で直接点棒の移動があった場合には、その局ごとに血液or現金をやりとりする。

●鷲巣側の特例:半荘2回を区切りとして勝負を続行するか、途中終了するかを、鷲巣側のみ選択できる。

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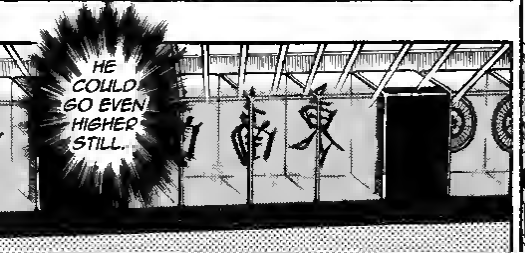
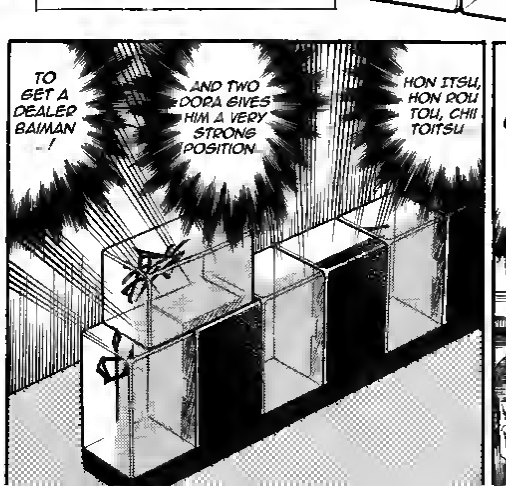
CHAPTER 152 - THE LIMIT
第152話 極限
GGH HHHH ...!!
WHA... WHAT A DRAW TO MAKE...!

KHEH HEH HEH ...!
ざわ
IT'S UNBELI-EVABLE!!
Washizu's Hand

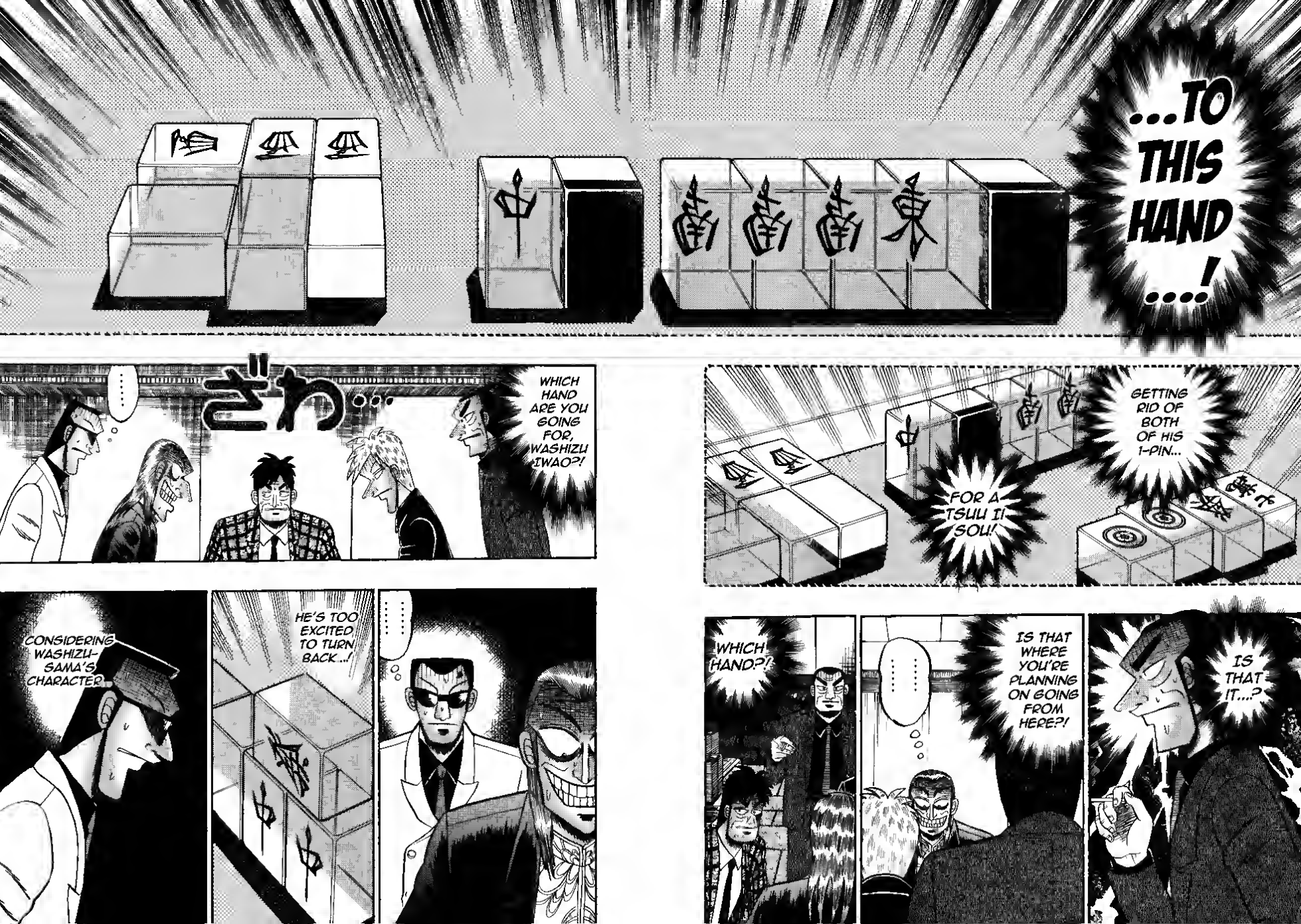
IF HE TAKES THIS AS A SIGN OF HIS MOMENTUM
OR MAYBE


HE COULD GO EVEN HIGHER STILL.

NOW, HE CAN SNEAK A WIN THROUGH IN BROAD DAYLIGHT!!
WE CAN SEE WHAT HE'S DOING, BUT WE CAN'T STOP HIM!


TO GET A DEALER BAIMAN -!
AND TWO DORA GIVES HIM A VERY STRONG POSITION
HON ITSU, HON ROU TOU, CHII TOITSU

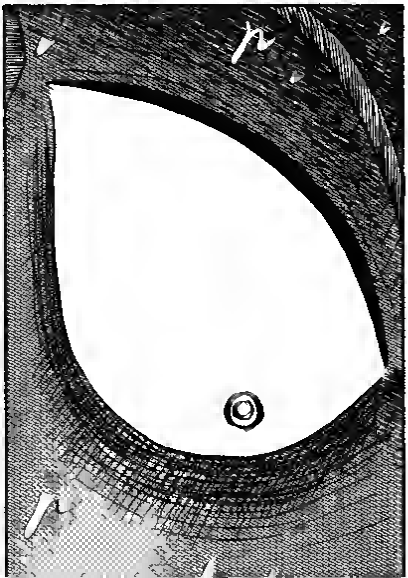
AFTER ONLY 2 TURNS ...?!
IS HE IN TENPAI ?!


...TO THIS HAND...!
ざわ...
.....
WHICH HAND ARE YOU GOING FOR, WASHIZU IWAO?!
GETTING RID OF BOTH OF HIS 1-PIN...
FOR A TSUU II SOU!
CONSIDERING WASHIZU-SAMA'S CHARACTER...
HE'S TOO EXCITED TO TURN BACK...!
.....
WHICH HAND?!
.....
IS THAT WHERE YOU'RE PLANNING ON GOING FROM HERE?!
IS THAT IT....?

AND THESE DRAWS ...
WITH THAT STARTING HAND...
IT WOULD SEEM...
THINKING ABOUT HOW HE UNDOUBTEDLY HAS THE FLOW WITH HIM
HE'LL WANT TO MOVE UP AND UP!
BECAUSE HE'S GOT SUCH A WINNING STREAK GOING...
HE'LL DEAL 1-PIN!
THAT HE'LL CERTAINLY GO FOR THE TSUU II SOU HAND, HERE!

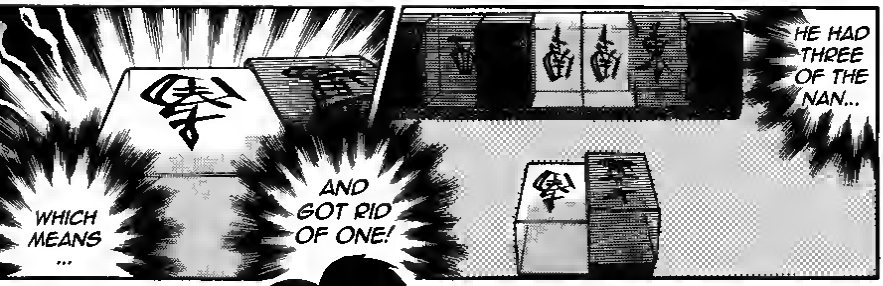
...TO THE ABSOLUTE LIMIT!
HE'LL TAKE THIS HAND...

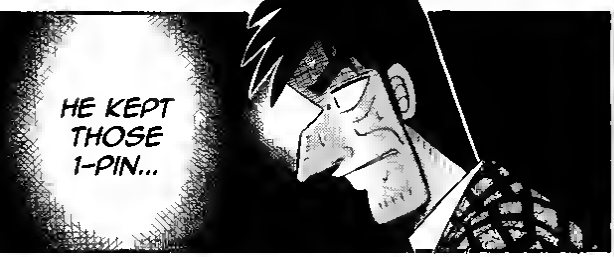
But...
HUH ...?

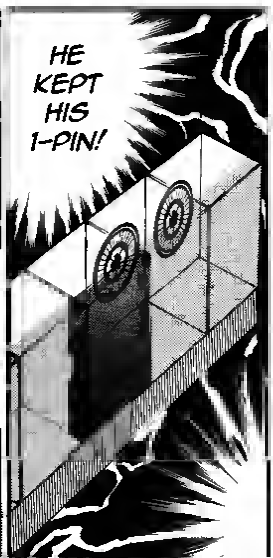


He deals the Nan!
HAHH ....!
Washizu betrays all expectations!

HE WENT FOR IT...!
KGH ...!


HE HAD THREE OF THE NAN...
AND GOT RID OF ONE!
WHICH MEANS ...


HE KEPT THOSE 1-PIN...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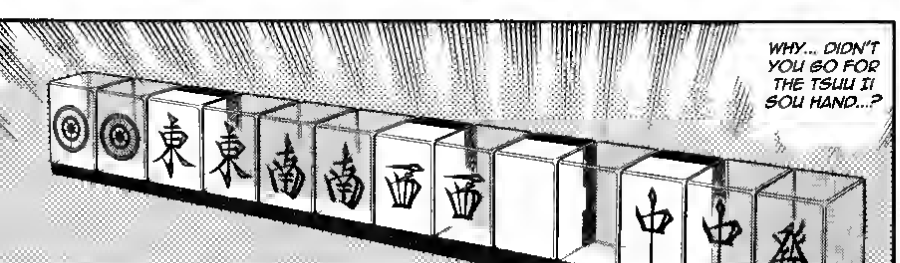
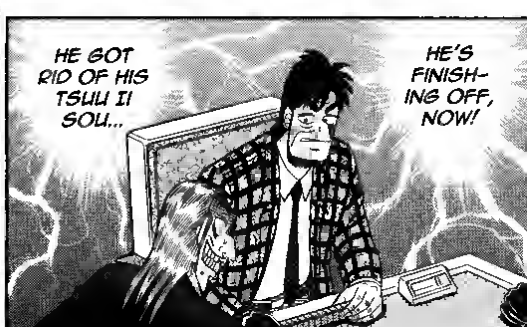
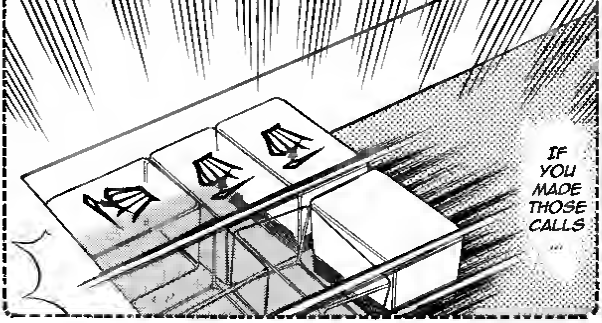
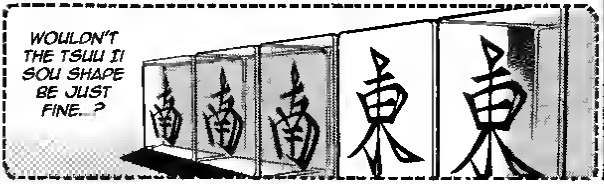
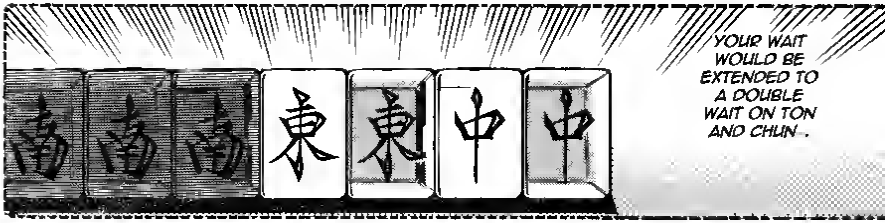


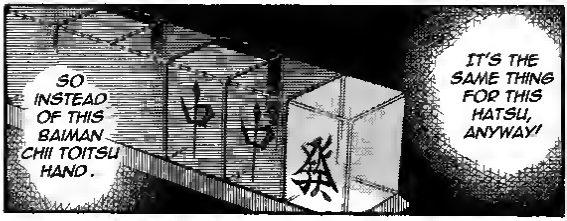
FOR A HON ROU TOU, HON ITSU, CHII TOITSU, 2-DORA DEALER BAIMAN HAND!




IF YOU MADE THOSE CALLS ...

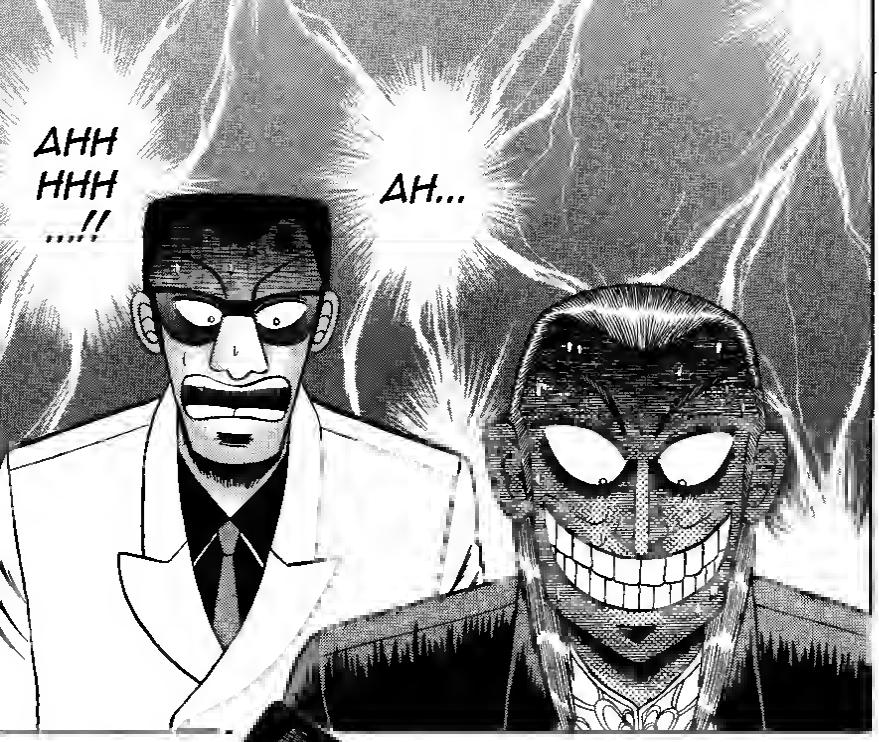

WOULDN'T THE TSUU II SOU SHAPE BE JUST FINE..?


YOUR WAIT WOULD BE EXTENDED TO A DOUBLE WAIT ON TON AND CHUN.

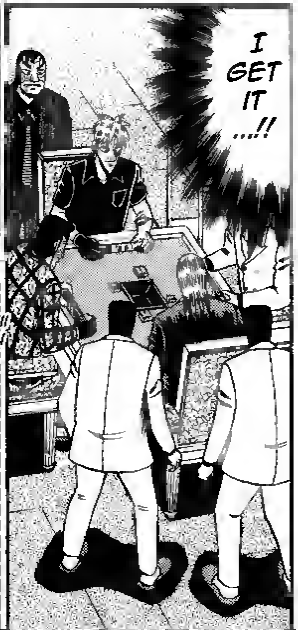

SO INSTEAD OF THIS BAIMAN CHII TOITSU HAND.
IT'S THE SAME THING FOR THIS HATSU, ANYWAY!

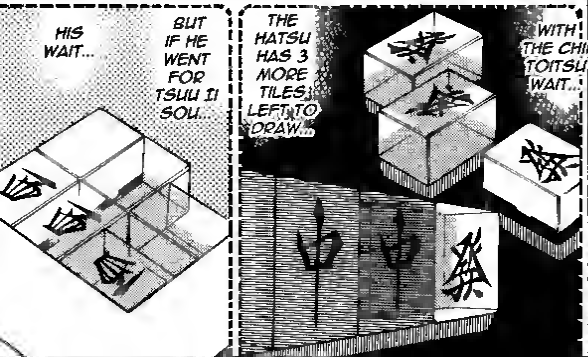
THAT SUZUKI DOESN'T HAVE THOSE, EITHER...
AND WHILE IT'S TRUE...

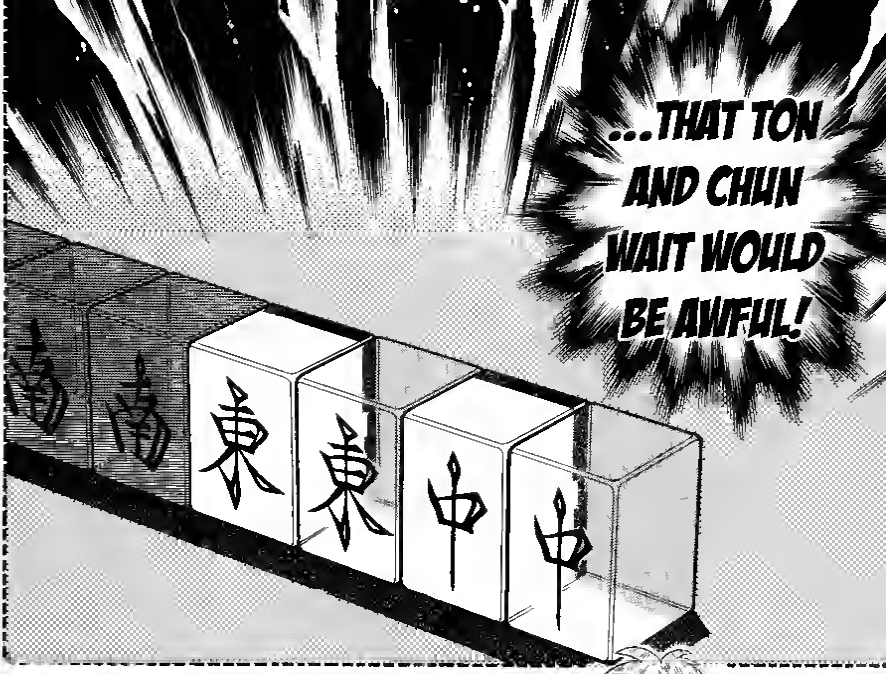
THE TSUU II SOU WOULD ...


AHH HHH ...!!
AH...

A TSUU II SOU IS OUT OF THE QUESTION!
IT'S DEFI- NITELY BAD!
IT'S NO GOOD!!


I GET IT ...!!

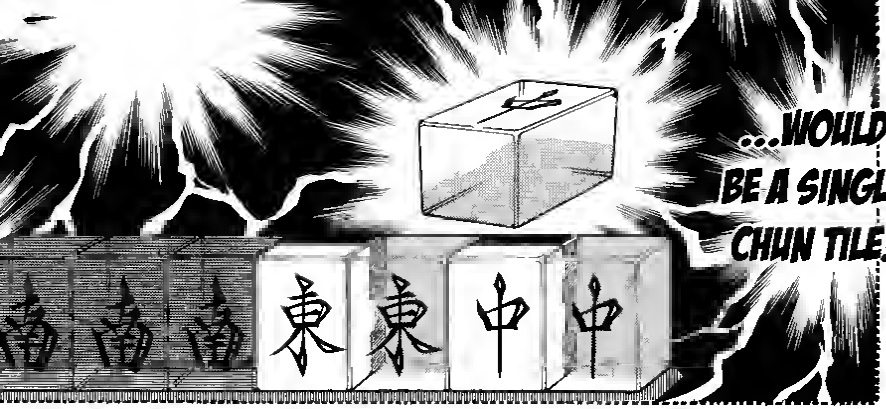

HIS WAIT...
BUT IF HE WENT FOR TSUU II SOU...
THE HATSU HAS 3 MORE TILES LEFT TO DRAW...
WITH THE CHII TOITSU WAIT...


...THAT TON AND CHUN WAIT WOULD BE AWFUL!

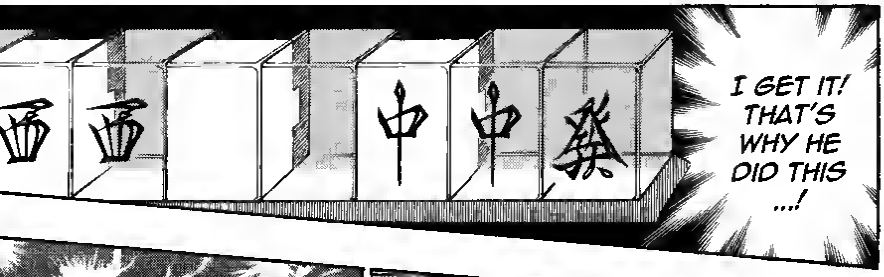
AND ALSO...
AKAGI HAS ONE OF EACH!

ALL THAT WOULD BE LEFT ...
IN OTHER WORDS ...

THE DETE-CTIVE HAS A TON, SO..


...WOULD BE A SINGLE CHUN TILE!

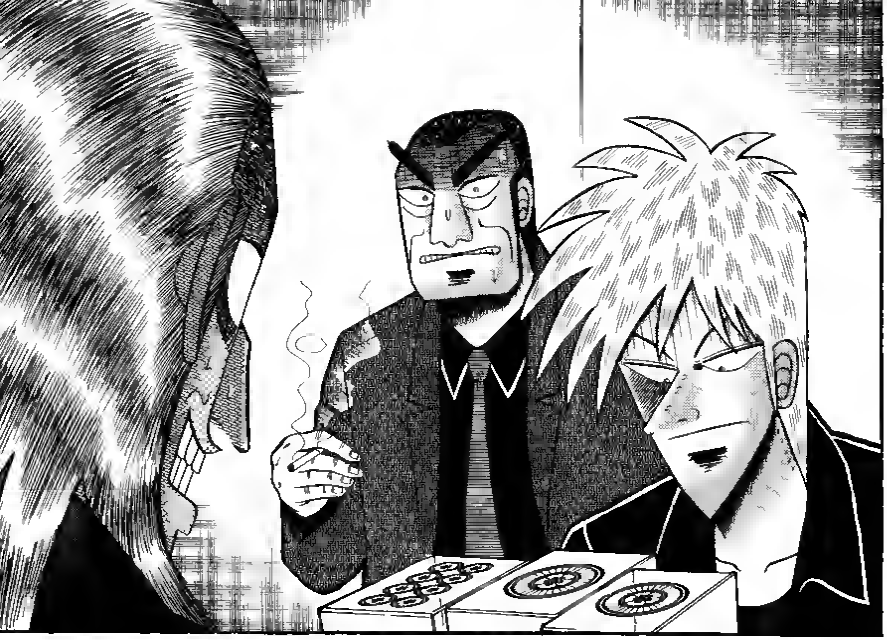
IN THAT CASE...
I SEE ...!

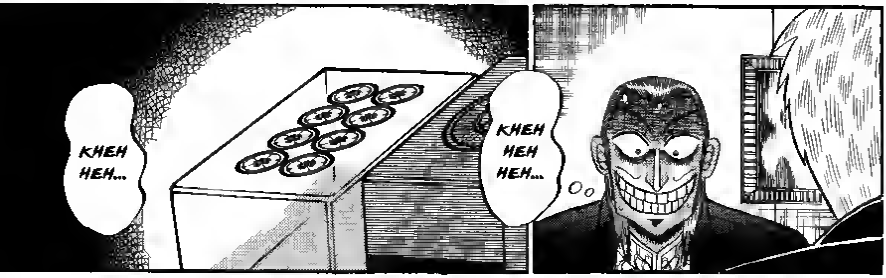

I GET IT! THAT'S WHY HE DID THIS ...!

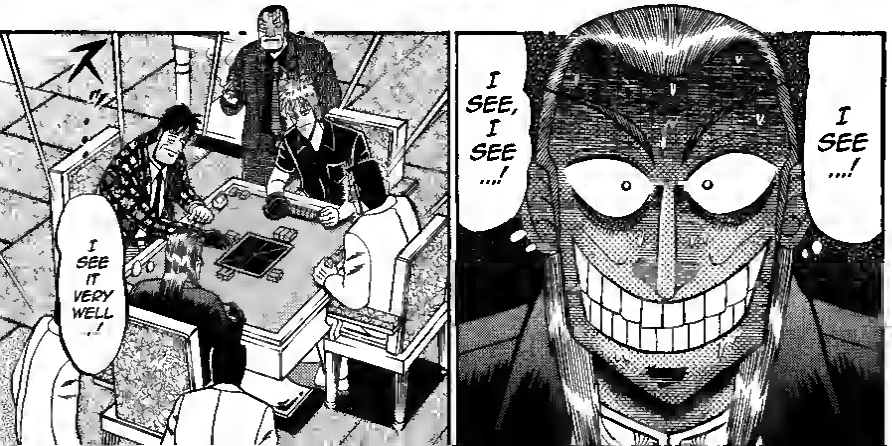
WHY HE HAD TO DO IT!
NO... MORE THAN EVEN THAT...

THIS HATSU WAIT WAS A NECESSITY!!
HE UNDERSTOOD WHAT HIS HAND WAS LIKE AND GROUNDED HIMSELF IN REALITY!
HE WAS PRAE-MATIC ...!
HE SAVED HIS HAND FROM FIZZLING OUT!
HE SAVED IT!
IF HE CALLED FOR A TSUU II SOU TENPAI...
FOR CER-TAIN!
HE HAD TO GO FOR CHII TOITSU FROM THAT HAND!
BEFORE ANYTHING ELSE, THE ONLY THING TO DO...
THAT'S RIGHT...
HE COULD NOT ALLOW THIS AMAZING HAND TO BE LOST!
EVEN THOUGH HE HAD LOTS OF MOMEN-TUM...
THAT'S WHAT IT WAS!
HE FIGURED ALL OF THAT OUT!
JUST AS I'D EXPECT FROM WASHIZU-SAMA!
HIS HAND WOULD WILT AND DIE OFF!
IT WOULDN'T GET HIM ANYWHERE!

...IS TO FOCUS ON COMPLETING A HAND! COMPLETING YOUR HAND COMES FIRST!
東東南南西西中中發
ヒッ
カチャ…
スッ…




KHEH HEH...
KHEH HEH HEH...


I SEE IT VERY WELL...!
I SEE, I SEE....!
I SEE....!

WELL...
.....
I SUPPOSE THAT YOU WOULDN'T FALL FOR IT THAT EASILY, AKAGI...

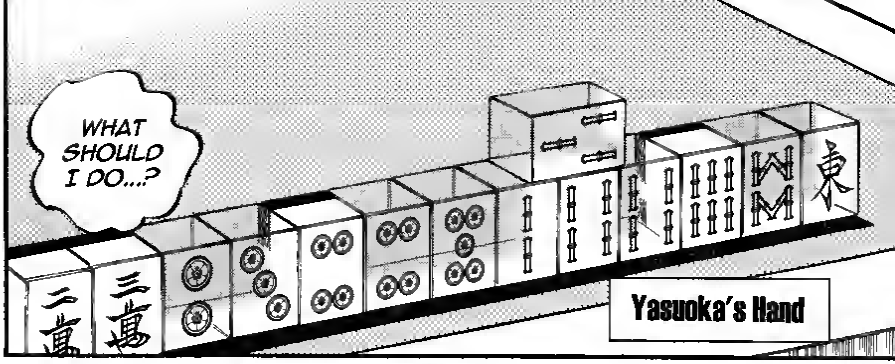
BUT...

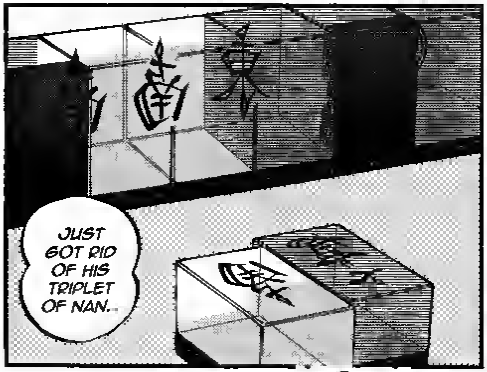
KHEH HEH HEH...
カ

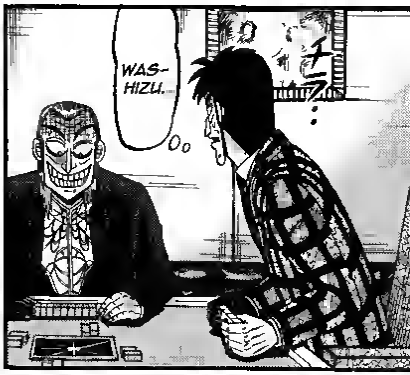
THAT MAN!
KHEH HEH HEH....!
AKAGI....!
THAT DETEC-TIVE THERE...
HOW ABOUT HIM, HMM?

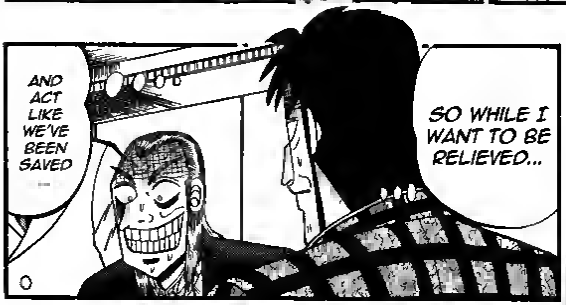
CHAPTER 153 - WEAK POINT
第153話 急所
KHEH HEH HEH...!
IS THIS TRULY OKAY...?
IS IT OKAY TO LEAVE THINGS AS THEY ARE...?
HM MM M?

THEN THAT MAN, WHO IS FAR DIFFERENT FROM YOU...
THAT EVERY-DAY, ORDIN-ARY MAN...
IF YOU DON'T SAY ANYTHING ...
ククク!
IF YOU DO, THEN AT THIS RATE...
Washizu: 26,500 Points
Remaining Funds: 27.5 Million Yen
Akagi: 23,800 Points, -2000 ccs
Total Sum of Acquired Money: 572.5 Million Yen
MM PH ...!
IS IT?
IS THAT QUITE ALL RIGHT ...?
MMMMMMMM-?
THAT TREA-SURE OF TREA-SURES ...!
HE WILL LET IT OVER-FLOW ...!
SOOOOOO?


WHAT SHOULD I DO...?
Yasuoka's Hand


JUST GOT RID OF HIS TRIPLET OF NAN.


WAS-HIZU.


AND ACT LIKE WE'VE BEEN SAVED
SO WHILE I WANT TO BE RELIEVED...

THAT'S THE OBVIOUS CONCLUSION
SO HE GOT RID OF HIS TSUU II SOU FOR A CHII TOITSU HAND...

IN TRUTH ...

A DEALER BAIMAN TSUMO IS 24,000 POINTS!
IT'S NOT RELIEVING, AT ALL!
WITH THAT CHII TOITSU HAND
SINCE HE CAN STILL TSUMO
8000 FROM EVERY-ONE!
WELL OVER THE LETHAL LIMIT!
IT WOULD BE 2800 IN TOTAL!
WITH THAT ON TOP OF THE 2000 HE'S AL-READY LOST
AKAGI WOULD HAVE TO PAY FOR IT...
WHICH MEANS
HE'D DIE!
WITH 800 CCS!
WHAT-EVER IT TAKES!
WE HAVE TO STOP IT!
I CAN'T LET HIM TSUMO!
I CAN'T LET THAT HAPPEN!
HE WOULD DEFI-NITELY DIE!!
BUT STILL...

AKAGI'S HON ITSU... IS STILL A WAYS AWAY!
HE'S FAR!
SO I NEED TO MOVE!
I'LL PLAY THIS RISKY TILE...
SO IN ORDER TO ADVANCE MY HAND...
IF I'M NOT FAST ENOUGH, IT'S HOPE-LESS!
IF I DON'T ...
Yasuoka's Hand

I'LL BREAK IT OUT...!

K-
HAH
HAH
HAH
HAH
HH!
WELL, WELL, WELL ...!
KHEH HEH HEH ...
HUH ...?
...THAT SEEING YOU LIKE THIS IS A RARE TREAT ...!
YOU'RE USUALLY SO CALM AND COLLECTED...
.....?

?
?
K-
HEH
HEH
HEH
...!
ざわ...

YOU
FOOL!
?
?
KHEH
HEH
HEH...

YOU
STILL
DON'T
GET
IT?!

HUH ...?
USE YOUR HEAD!
WITH THIS HAND ...
AND WITH THESE DRAWS ...
WHY WOULD I EVER SETTLE FOR A MEAGER CHII TOITSU HAND?!
ざわ
WHAT ...?!
WHA...
IT'S NOT CHII TOITSU?!
IF IT'S NOT CHII TOITSU... THEN...
Yasuoka's Discards

PON!!
WHAT IS IT?!
WH-
AA-
AAT
?!
KHEH HEH HEH ...!

PON, I SAY !!
I WILL PON THAT TON, THERE !!
KHEH HEH HEH ...!
WHAT ?!?!

ガラ
THAT ...
THAT'S INSANE!!
BUT WHY?!
I MEAN ...
DIDN'T YOU JUST GET RID OF...
A TRIPLET OF NAN?!
YOU GOT RID OF A TRIPLET JUST TO CALL PON A MINUTE LATER?!
KHEH HEH HEH...
WHY, IF I HADN'T ...

YOU WOULDN'T HAVE LET THAT ONE GO!
NOW WOULD YOU?
WAS THE WEAK POINT OF THIS HAND!
WHETHER OR NOT I COULD CALL ON THIS TON HERE...
IT WAS THE WEAK POINT!
HUH ...?
SO IF IT MEANT I COULD TAKE CARE OF THAT WEAK POINT...

THEN THERE'S NO PROBLEM GETTING RID
OF JUST ONE OF MY NAN!
IT IS REPLACEABLE!
K-KEHEHEH...
WHA...?
KHEHEHEH...!!
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ドッ!!

AHH
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HAH
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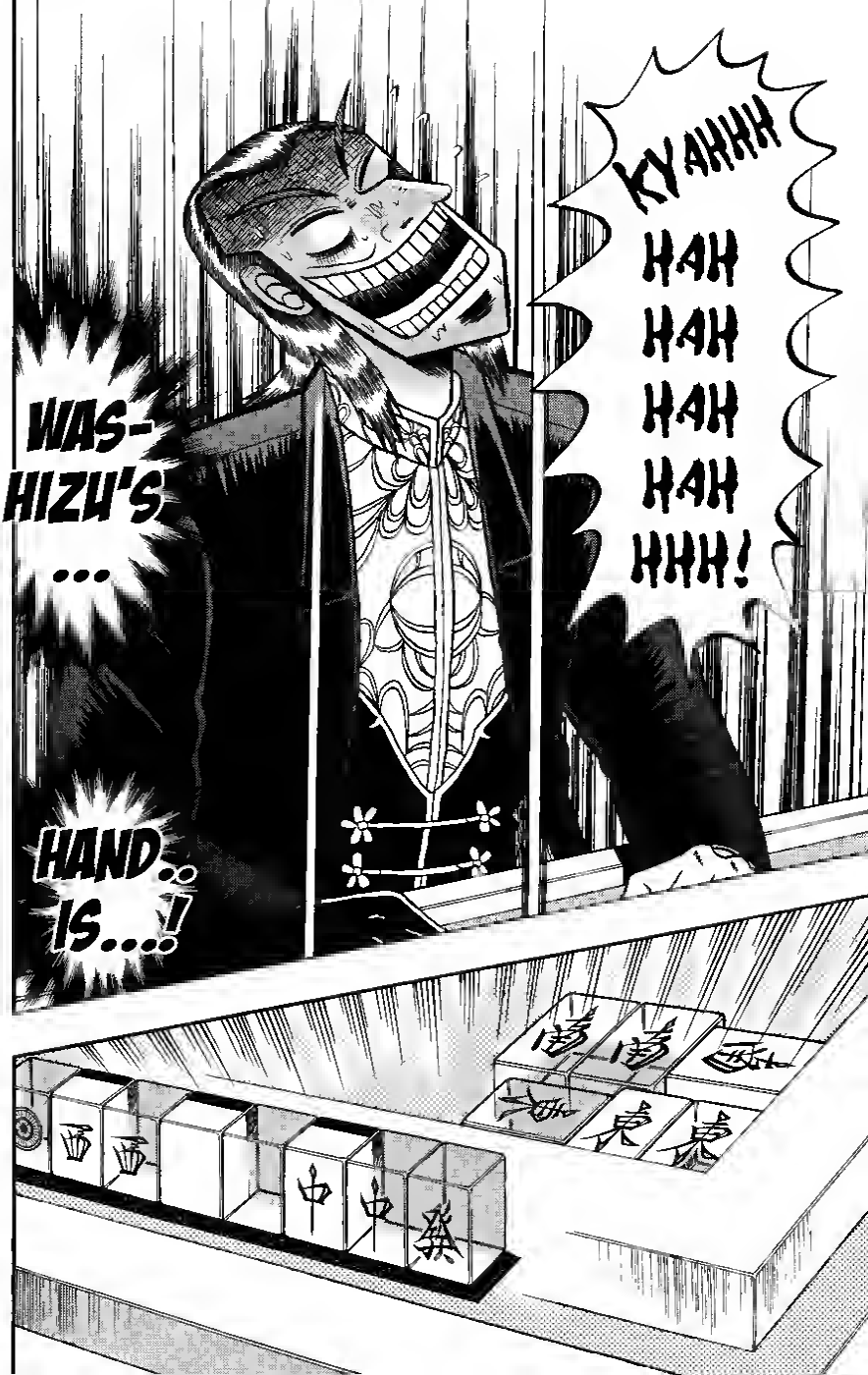
AH HHH HHH !!!
K- HOH HOH HOH !!
K- HEH HEH HEH !!
K- HAH HAH HAH !!
K- HEE HEE HEE !!
WELL...
HOW DREADFUL THIS MUST BE FOR YOU!!
THAT'S... HOW IT HAS TO BE!!
AL- WAYS !!
THERE'S ALWAYS A CHA- NCE OF SOME- THING LIKE THIS!
PON!!


KYAHKK
HAH
HAH
HAH
HAH
HHH!
WAS-
HIZU'S
...
HAND..
IS...!

II SHAN TEN FOR TSUU II SOU!!
AND MORE THAN THAT...
HAH-HH...
THE PAIRS OF HONORS HE [HAS LEFT,] THE XIA AND HAKU...
...IN SU-ZU-KI'S HAND !!
ARE BOTH ...

I FUCKED UP!!
GAA UUGG HHH!!
I FUCKED UP,
I FUCKED UP,
I FUCKED UP!!!

A HUGE, HUGE MIS-TAKE!!!
THAT WAS A HUGE MIS-TAKE!!

KGH ...!!
GG GH HH ...!!
THE WOR- ST!!
THE ABSOLUTE WORST!!

WASHIZU'S TSUU II SOU...
IT IS DEFINITE!
...
IS NOW SET IN STONE !!
THAT'S RIGHT ...!

CHAPTER 154 - AUTOMATIC

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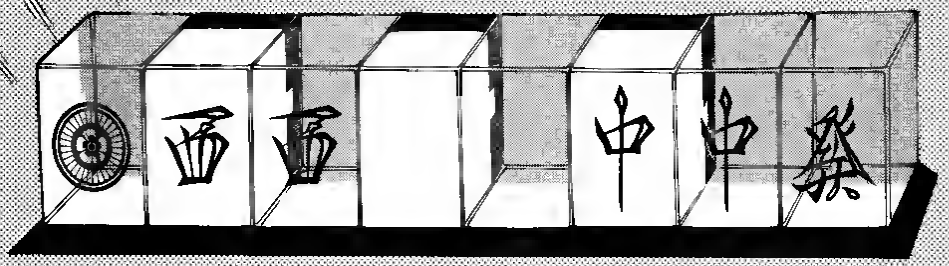

HE HAS IT MADE, NOW!!

Washizu's Hand

KHEH HEH HEH ...!
KHEH...
OUR SIDE CAN'T DO A DAMN THING TO STOP IT!
NOW THAT IT'S COME TO THIS
AS THE ENEMY GOES THROUGH THE MOTIONS
WE CAN LOOK ON IN DIS-DAIN ...
ALL WE CAN DO IS WATCH
OF THIS QUICK, EASY GAMEPLAY!

THIS AUTOMATIC MAHJONG!!

PON!
KHEH HEH HEH ...!

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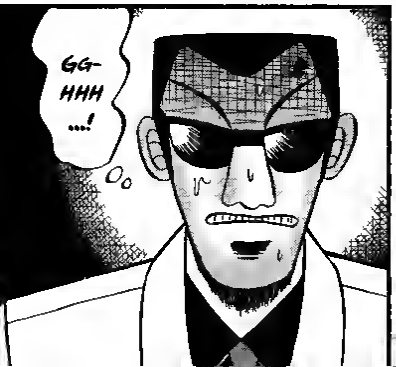
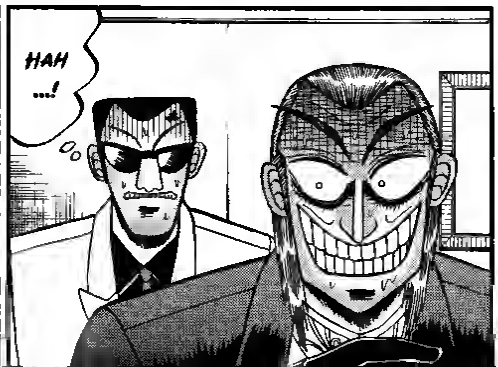
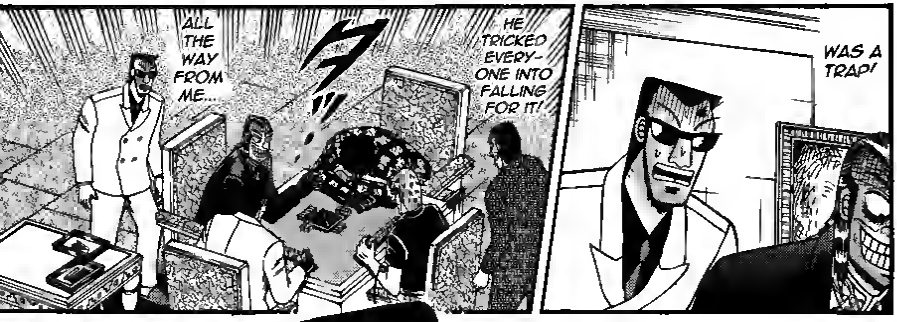
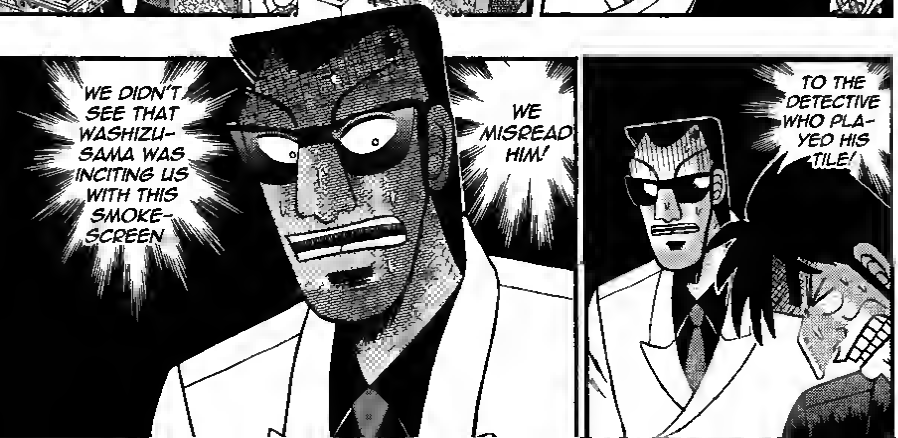

GG-HHH ...!

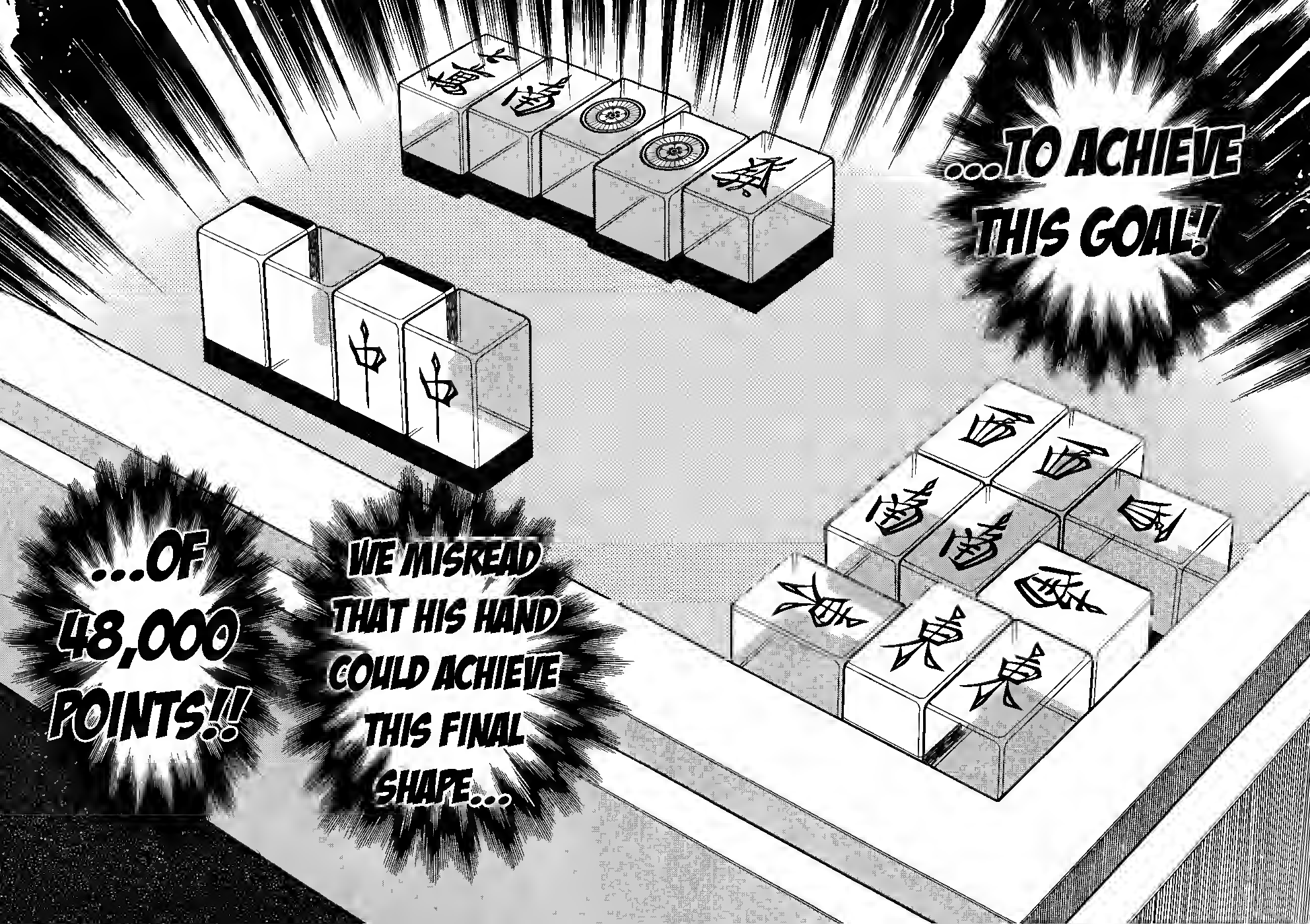

HAH ...!

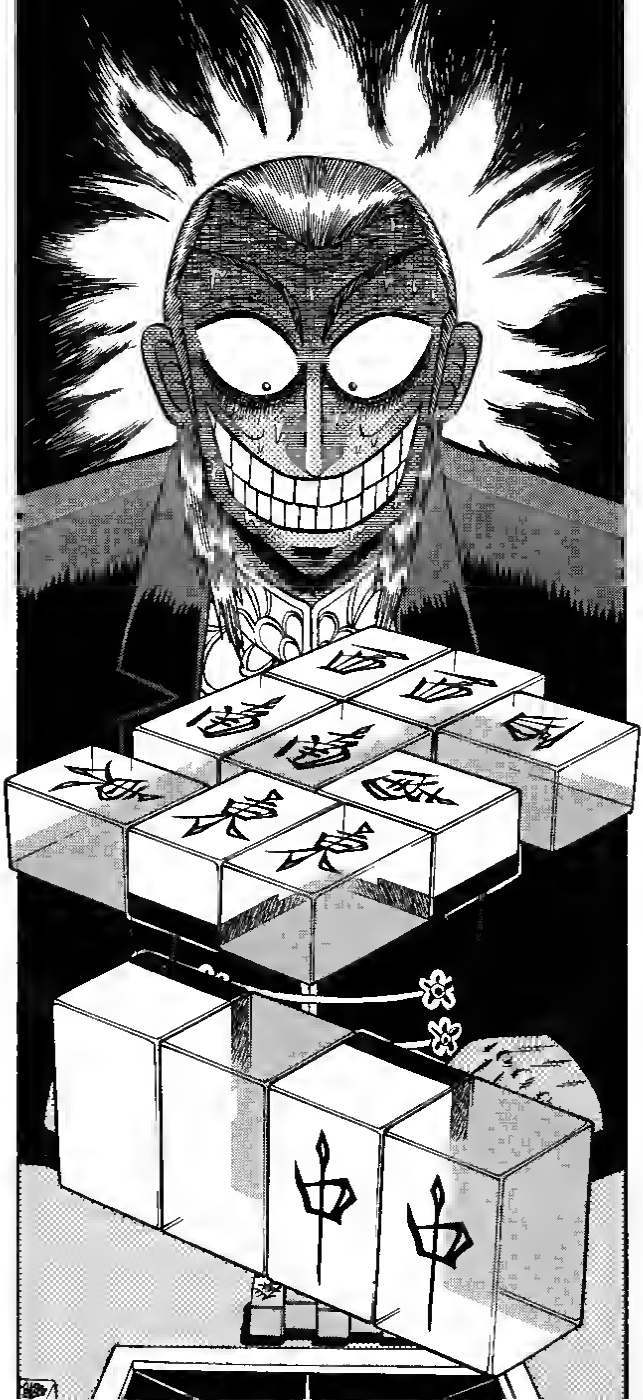
SO THAT'S WHAT IT WAS...!
I GET IT...!
KHAH HAH HAH!!
HE NEVER CONSIDERED GOING FOR CHII TOITSU!
FROM THE VERY MOMENT HE GOT THAT HAND...
WASHIZU-SAMA NEVER EVEN CONSIDERED IT!
THAT'S WHAT THE CHII TOITSU TENPAI WAS ABOUT ...!
THAT'S WHY HE DEALT THE NAN!
WAS JUST HIS STRATEGY...
EVERY-THING...
TO GET THE DETECTIVE TO LET THE TON LEAK FROM HIS HAND ..!

THAT FALSE WAIT ON THE DORA, HATSU...

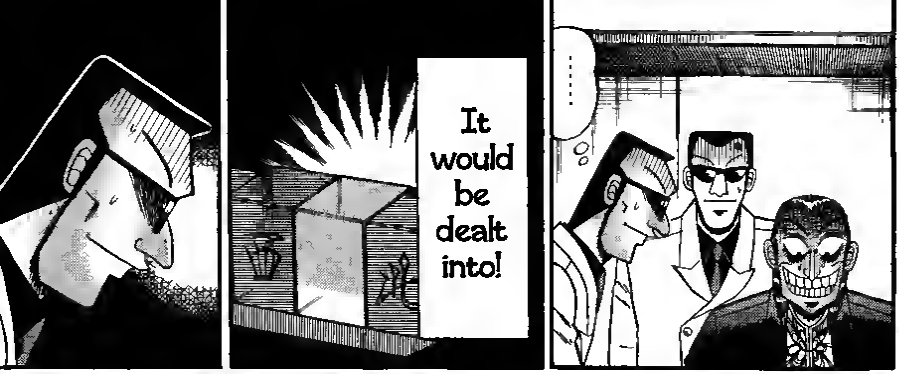

ALL THE WAY FROM ME...
HE TRICKED EVERY-ONE INTO FALLING FOR IT!
WAS A TRAP!


WE DIDN'T SEE THAT WASHIZU-SAMA WAS INCITING US WITH THIS SMOKE-SCREEN
WE MISREAD HIM!
TO THE DETECTIVE WHO PLA-YED HIS TILE!


...TO ACHIEVE THIS GOAL!
...OF 48,000 POINTS!!
WE MISREAD THAT HIS HAND COULD ACHIEVE THIS FINAL SHAPE...

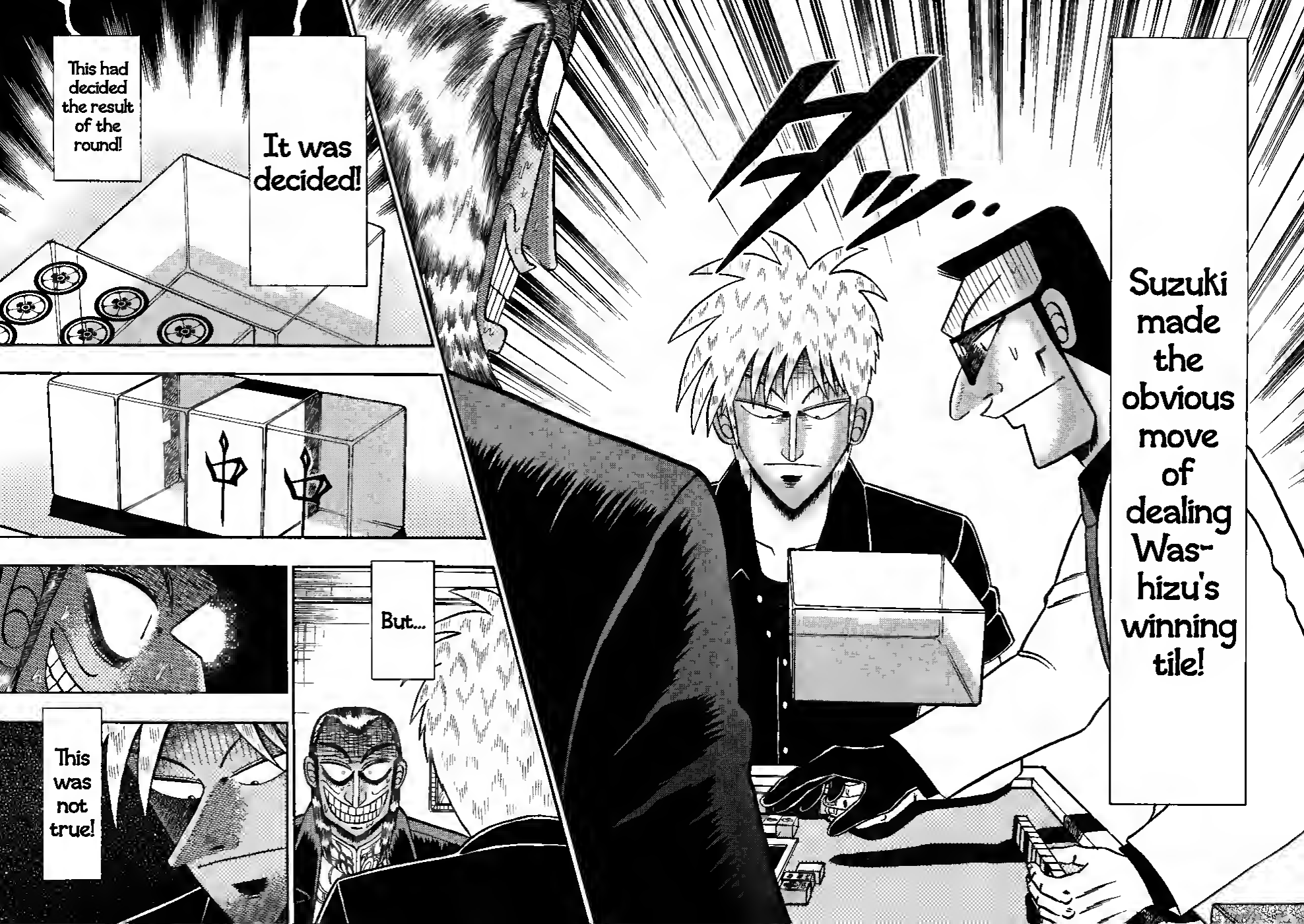


TSUU II SOU, WITH A WAIT ON HAKU AND CHUN!


It would be dealt into!
.....

It had been decided!

To Yasuoka...
GHH ...!
From Ohgi...
Was thinking that it had!
Everyone in the room...
It happened!
And then...
Even Washizu's Underlings looking on from behind.


Suzuki made the obvious move of dealing Washizu's winning tile!
It was decided!
This had decided the result of the round!
But...
This was not true!

It was not yet over!

WASHIZU MOVED...!

HE MOVED IN A WAY THAT NO ONE COULD HAVE THOUGHT POSSIBLE!!
PON!!
WHA ....?
PON, I TELL YOU!

THIS IS A PON!

WHAA
....?!

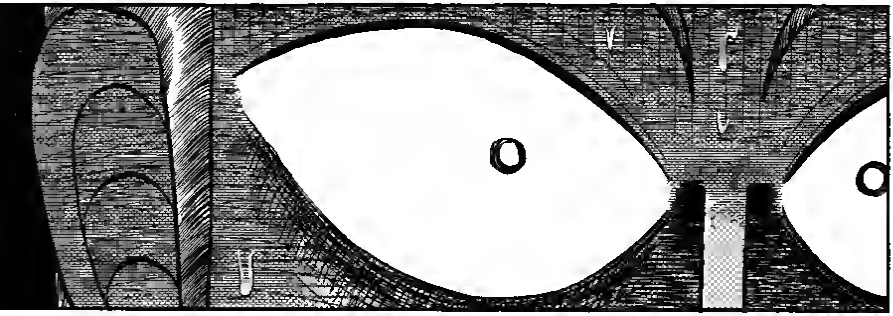
WHAA-
AAAAA-
AAT?!
Washizu's Hand

WH...!
I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT'S GOING ON, BUT...
WHO-OOO-AHHH!!

JUST
HE DIDN'T RON?!
WHAT'S GOING ON?!
THAT'S IMPOS-SIBLE...!!

WE'RE STILL ALIVE, NOW!!
IT'S NOT OVER YET, AKAGI!!
HAH HHH HHH !!
HAH ...!
.....
WAS-HIZU-SAMA !!
AH ...!!

IF I WON, NOW...
WHY ...?!
JUST WHAT... WHAT IS THIS?!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING ?!
IF I WERE TO COMPLETE MY HAND, NOW...
WHAT ...?!



HE WOULD GET THE EASY WAY OUT...!

THAT DEMON SITTING THERE ...!
KHEH HEH HEH...
.....
KHEH HEH...
WHA ...?
EHH HEH HEH ....!

THIS IS WHERE HE CO-ULD BE KILLED, AFTER ALL...!
YES... EVERYTHING COULD END HERE AND NOW...!
ISN'T THAT RIGHT ...
AKAGI SHIG-ERU ...?

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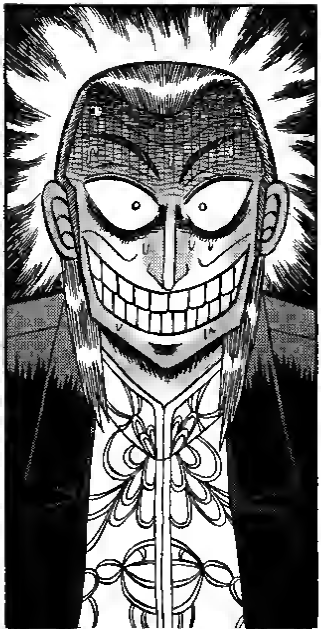
KHEH HEH HEH...!



THIS IS THE ROUND WHERE THE DEMON COULD BE KILLED OFF ONCE AND FOR ALL...!
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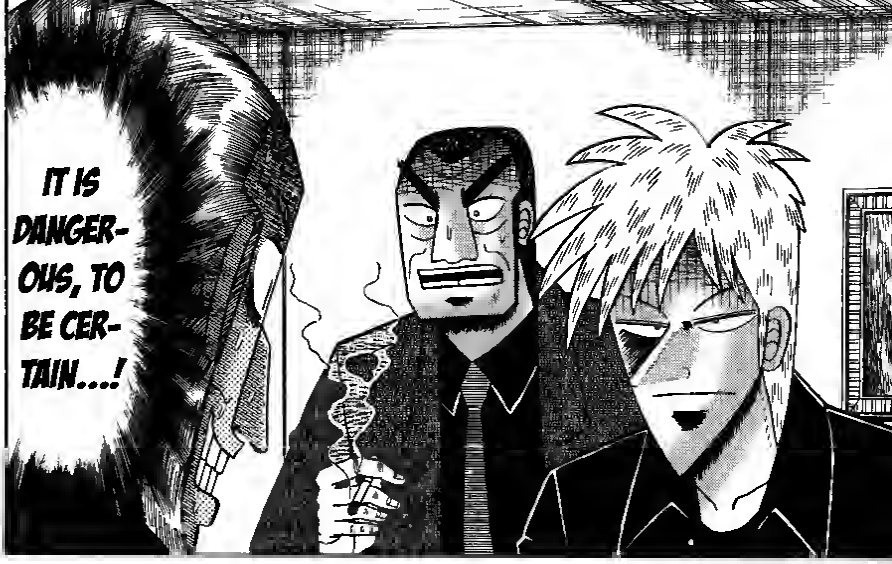
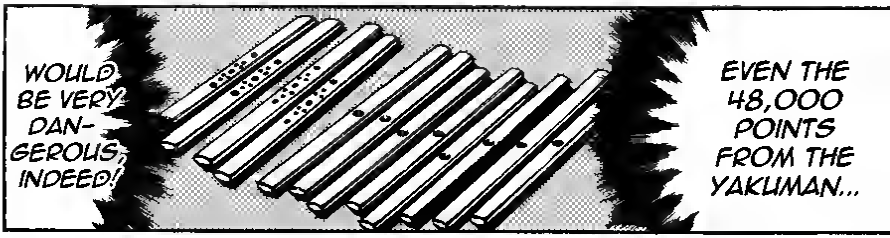
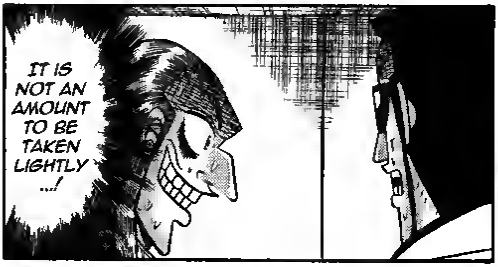
ざわ…
THIS IS WHERE HE COULD DIE...!
HE IS TRULY KNOCKING ON DEATH'S DOOR...!
ざわ…


IT IS DANGER-OUS, TO BE CER-TAIN...!


WOULD BE VERY DAN-GEROUS, INDEED!
EVEN THE 48,000 POINTS FROM THE YAKUMAN...


IT IS NOT AN AMOUNT TO BE TAKEN LIGHTLY ...!

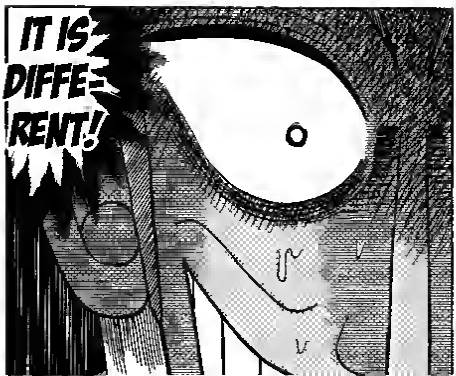
THERE WOULD BE NO EASY WAY FOR IT TO BE TOPPLED!
WITH THAT MUCH OF A LEAD OVER HIM...

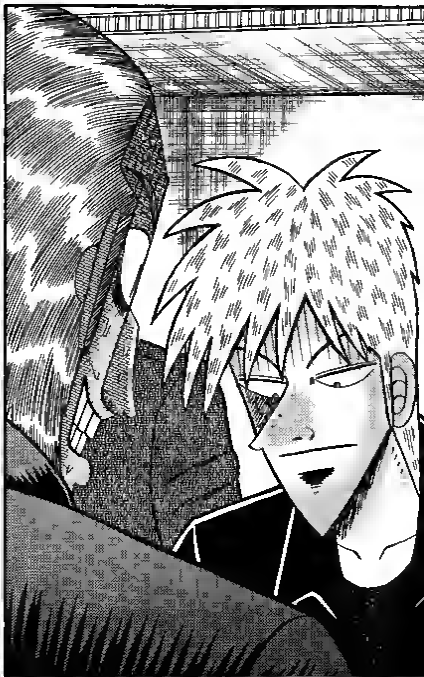
KHEH HEH HEH ...!
.....

THERE'S NO NEED TO LOOK SO DUMB-FOUNDED!
OH, STOP BEING SO WORRIED, SUZUKI!
YOU SHOULD SEE THE LOOK YOU'RE GIVING ME RIGHT NOW!
I UNDER-STAND YOUR CON-CERN!
BECAUSE WASHIZU MAHJONG IS A TEAM EFFORT...
THERE WOULD BE NO NEED TO WORRY!
THIS YAKUMAN WIN WOULD MAKE ME PERFECTLY SAFE!
CER-TAINLY, IN A NORMAL POSI-TION...
TO RUN THE REST OF THE DISTANCE!
AND DEAL INTO YOUR HANDS OVER AND OVER..
I CAN FOCUS ON ONE, SOLITARY AIM...
AND THAT THERE ARE ONLY 6 ROUNDS LEFT...
CONSIDERING THAT THIS IS THE EAST 3RD ROUND OF THE HANCHAN ...

BUT...
I WOULD BE VICTORIOUS!
IT WOULD BE A DONE DEAL AT THAT POINT!
AND TAKE THE WIN THAT WAY!
I COULD SAFELY GO THROUGH THE REST OF THE 6 ROUNDS...

BE THAT AS IT MAY...!


IT IS DIFFERENT!



THERE IS NO WAY OF TELLING WHAT SINISTER PLOTS HE STILL HAS IN STORE ...!

I SHALL DRAW IT!!

KILL HIM ....!!

CUT OFF HIS BREA-THING!!
FINISH HIM OFF!
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THAT COMES BEFORE ALL ELSE!!
THAT IS WHAT I MUST DO!

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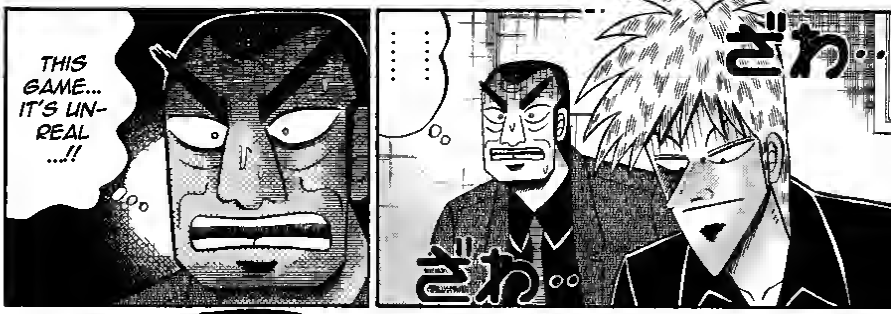
ブツ…


THIS GAME... IT'S UN-REAL ...!!
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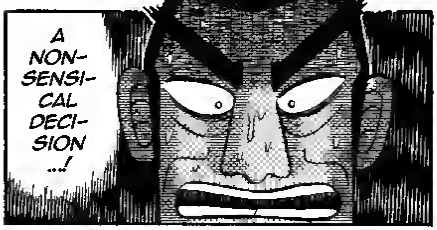
ざわ…


A NON-SENSICAL DECI-SION ...!

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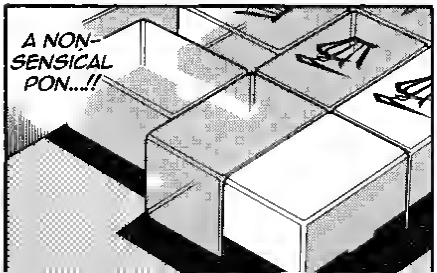
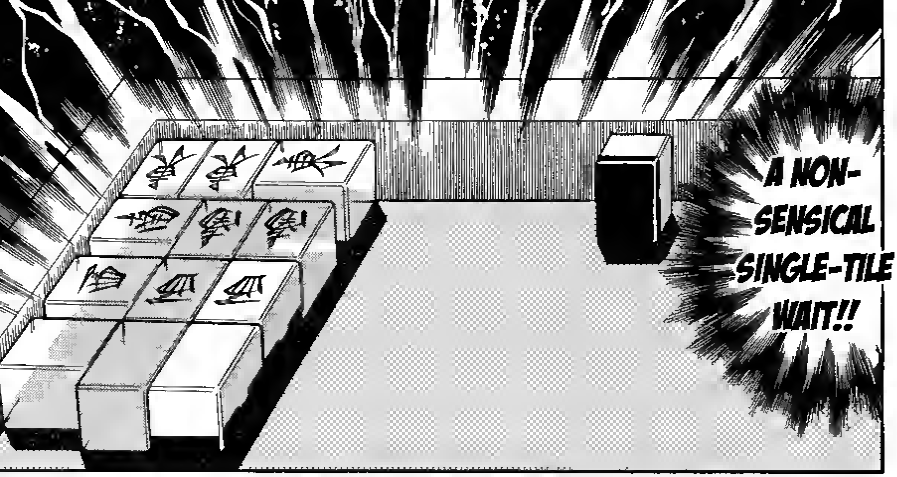
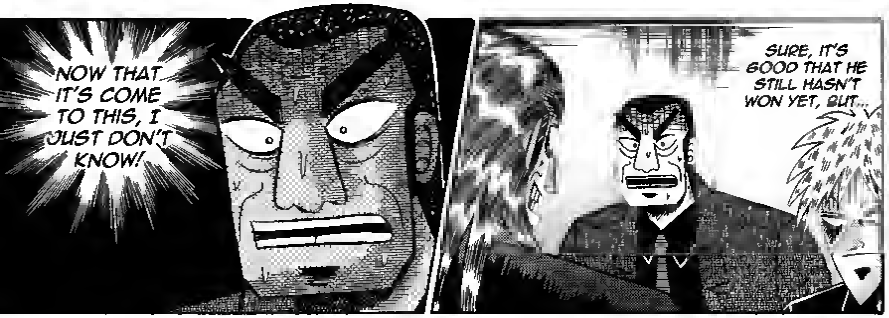
I DON'T GET IT...! THIS DOESN'T MAKE ANY SENSE AT ALL!!

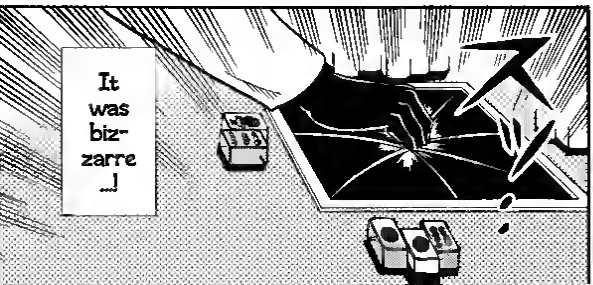

A NON-SENSICAL PON...!!


A NON-SENSICAL SINGLE-TILE WAIT!!


NOW THAT IT'S COME TO THIS, I JUST DON'T KNOW!
SURE, IT'S GOOD THAT HE STILL HASN'T WON YET, BUT...

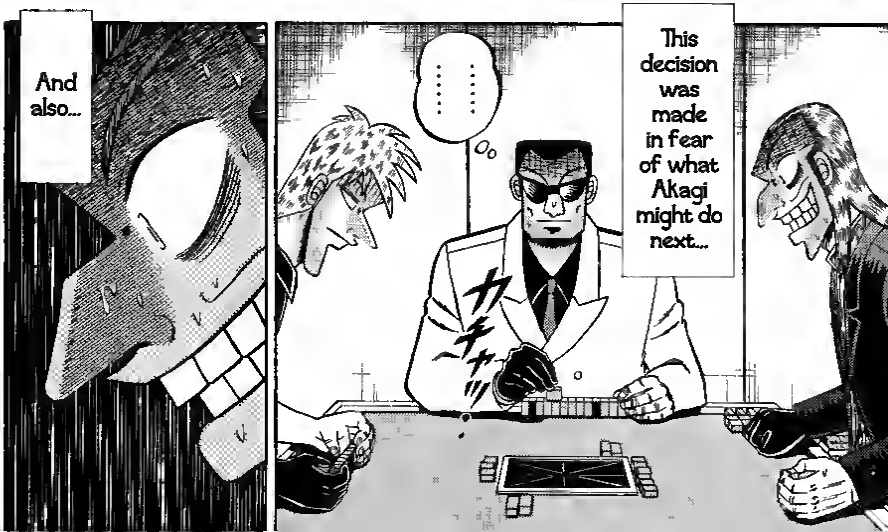
IT'S A DEATH SEN-TENCE!!

I CAN'T TELL IF THIS IS A GODSEND FOR US...
OR WHE-THER...


It was biz-zarre ...!

He had overlooked his Yaku-man win...
.....
Washizu was able to win.
In favor of a pon!
He took a Furiten wait for a single Chun tile!
.....
An abnormal circum-stance that could not have been foreseen normally!
An abnor-mal game of Mah-jong!

A Tsumo for Tsuu Ii Sou ...!
He was aiming for Tsumo!


And also...
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Oo
This decision was made in fear of what Akagi might do next...
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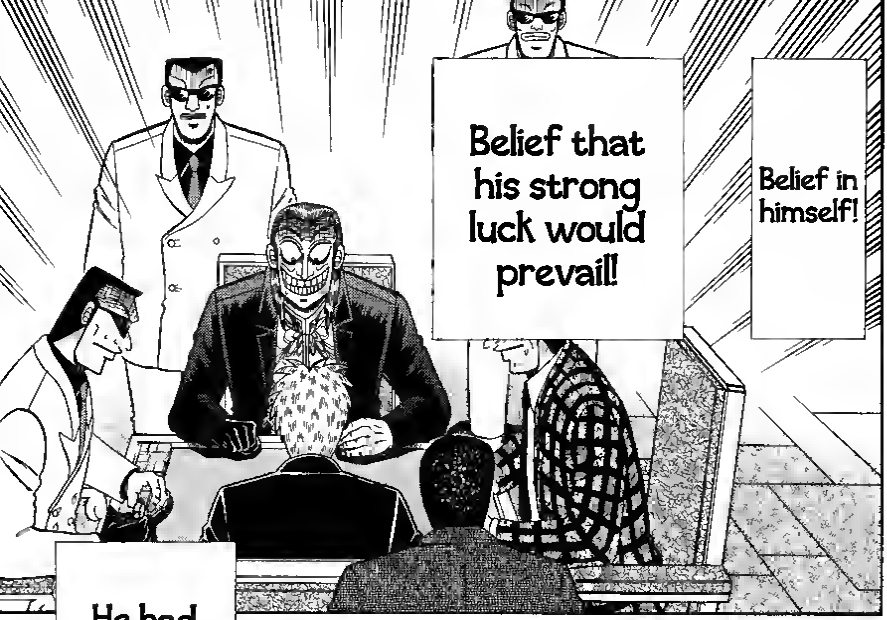
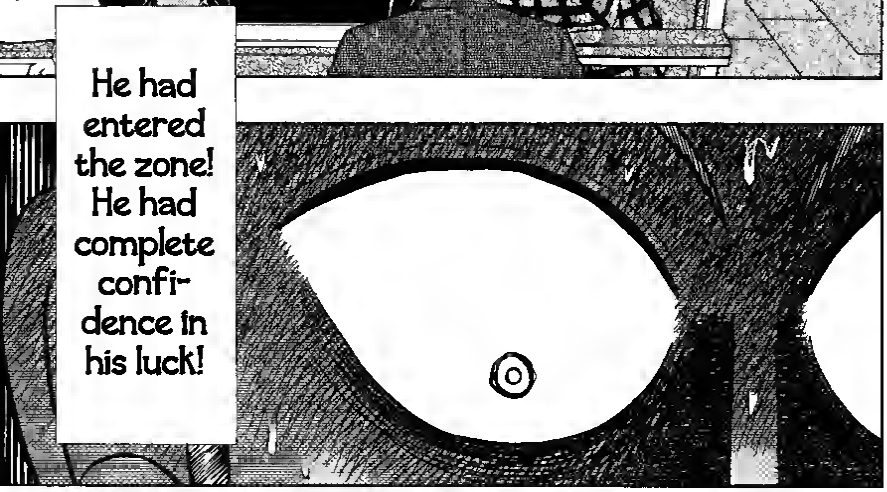
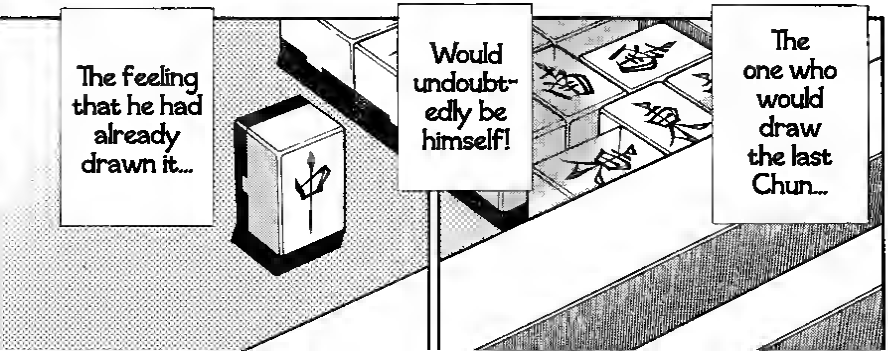

Belief that his strong luck would prevail!
Belief in himself!


He had entered the zone! He had complete confi-dence in his luck!


The feeling that he had already drawn it...
Would undoubt-edly be himself!
The one who would draw the last Chun...

That faith!
Fierce, unshakeable belief!
That...
In this round...
That was quite understandable!
But...

HAD DRIFTED WAS-
HIZU'S WAY!
ALL OF THE MOMENTUM THERE WAS TO GET...
IF THE CHUN DOESN'T GO TO ME, WHO WOULD GET IT!?
IF I WON'T DRAW IT...
THAT'S EXACTLY RIGHT!
ボコッ..
THIS IS NOT SOMETHING THEY CAN— PULL IN!!
FOR THOSE PITIFUL INSECTS DRIED UP BY MY HEAT ENERGY

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WHA
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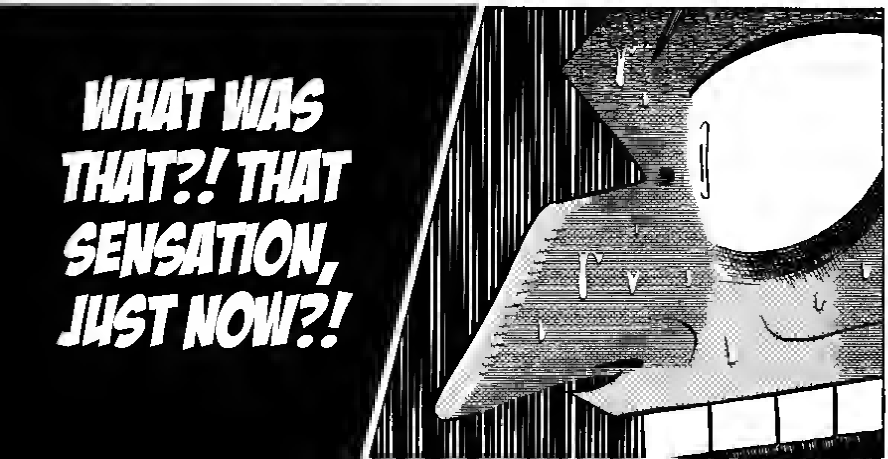
WHAT WAS THAT?! THAT SENSATION, JUST NOW?!

AHH ?! ....!
AHHHHH ...?!?!
One time.

There was one moment ...
In this round...
ONLY ONE INST-ANT...
IN WHICH THE DAWN BROKE THROUGH ...!

SPRUNG BACK TO LIFE!!
IN WHICH THAT WHICH HAD BEEN CONSIDERED DEAD...
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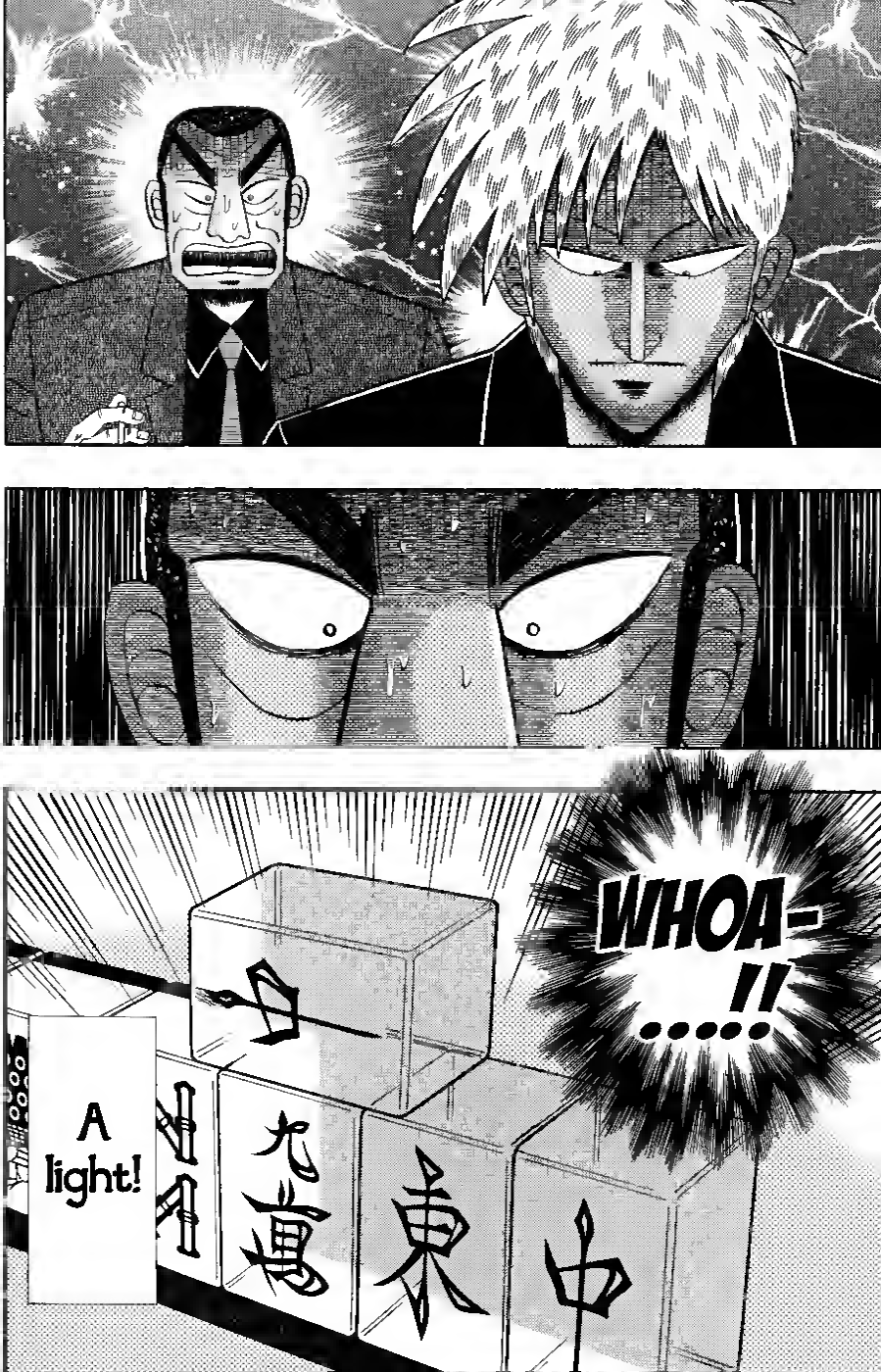
WHOA-!!....
A light!

AKAGI HAD FOUND A LIGHT TO HELP HIM SURVIVE !!
WITH THIS DRAW OF THE CHUN...
WHA ...!
OH-HOHH-HH!!
OHHH H!!!

WHA-
AAAA-
AAAT
?!?!
カタカタ
光宣

CHAPTER 156 - FLASH
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IMPOS-
SIBLE!!
HE DREW THE CHUN?!
WHAT...
HE ACTUALLY DREW IN THE CHUN?!?!

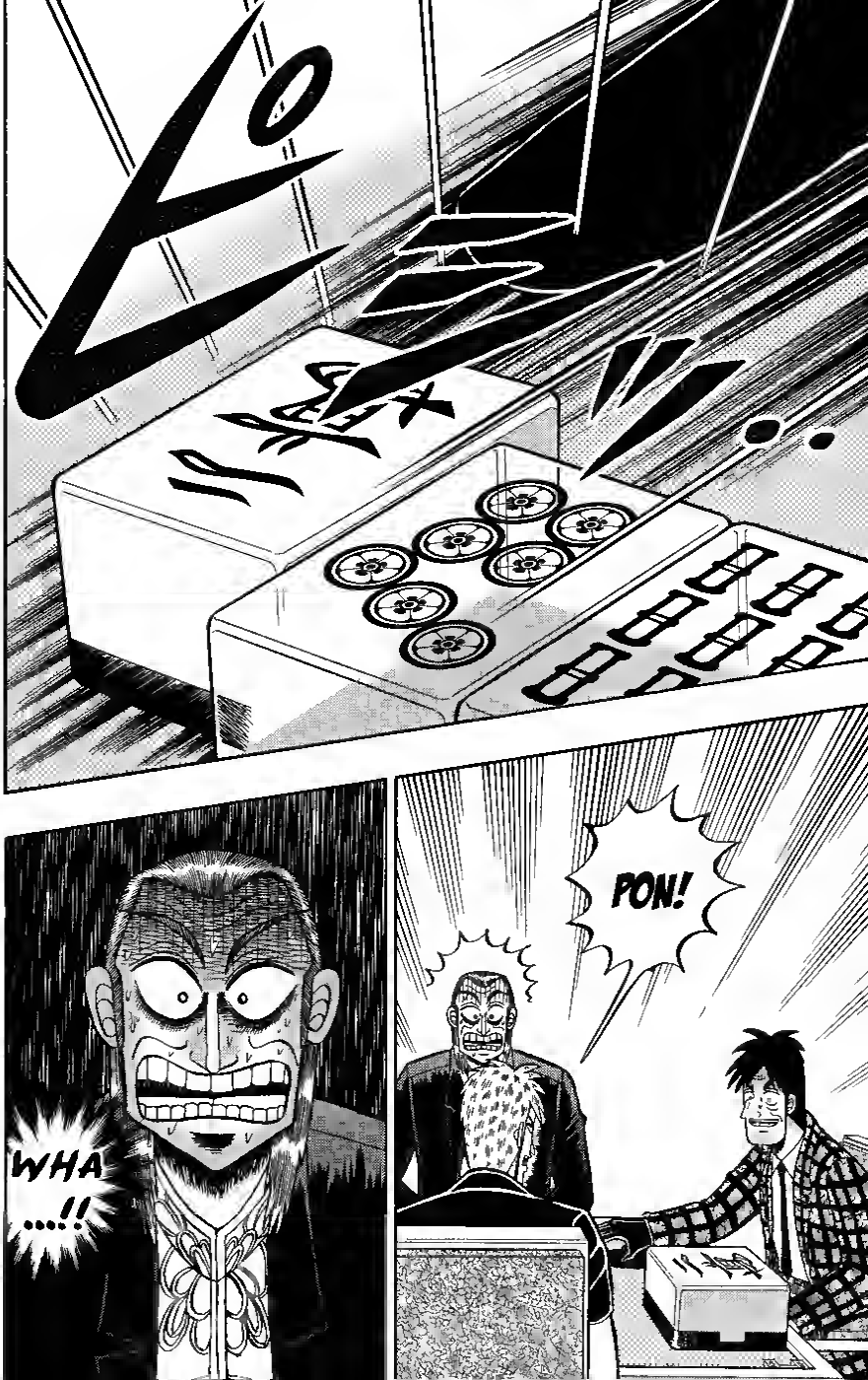
THAT VERY LAST TILE...
WHAT IS THE MEANING OF THIS?!
THAT LAST CHUN...
IT WAS SUP-POSED TO BE MINE !!
SO WHY ?!
WHY DID HE DRAW IT?!
WHY?!

THAT'S NOT POS-SIBLE!!
THIS WASN'T SUPPOSED TO HAPPEN!!
IF IT WAS ....

THIS ROUND IS UNDER MY COMPLETE DOMINION!!
BUT NOW... RIGHT NOW...
IF IT WAS ANY OTHER TIME, THEN SURE!!
WHICH IS WHY...
IT WAS ME!
THE ONLY LOGICAL OUT-COME WOULD BE FOR ME TO DRAW THAT TILE!!

IT WAS MY DESTINY TO DRAW IT!!
……
ギ!!
ギ!!
IT'S UN-THINK-ABLE!!
THIS IS A POSITIVELY UNTHINK-ABLE OUT-COME!!
A flash!

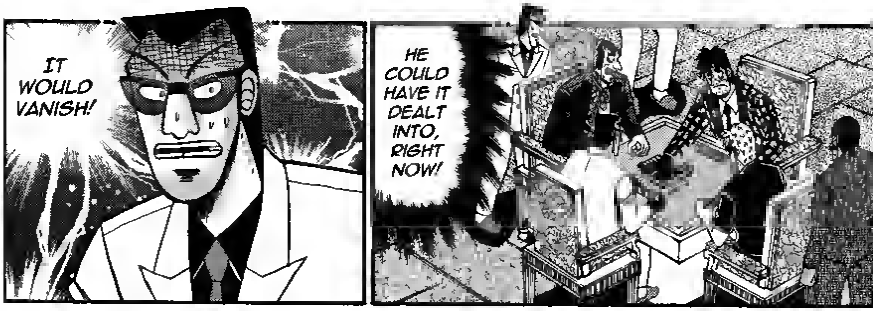
In this turn ...
Akagi now had the first chance in a long time...
To see a flash of light!
And since he was given a single chance to move...
Akagi took full advantage of it!


PON!
WHA ....!!

WHAAAAT?!
ガシャ
ガシャ
KGHH...!!
ざわ...
.....
GGH...!
ざわ...

WHAT THE FUCK IS THIS?!
Akagi's Hand
TRYING TO KEEP MY DOUBTS ALIVE!
HE MADE IT TO A HON ITSU TENPAI WITH THAT CALL...!
THIS IS BAD...!
HMMMM?!
YOU PULLED A QUICK HAND TOGETHER, AFTER ALL THIS TIME?!
YOU THINK I'LL BELI-EVE...
HE'S PLAYING TRICKS ON ME AGAIN!
IT WOULD LOOK LIKE...
CALLING PON ON THE 2-MAN AND THEN PLAYING 9-MAN...
THIS BRAT ...

AKAGI MADE HIS HON ITSU TENPAI ...
BY SOME SMALL CHANCE ...
SO IF...
IT'S THE DETEC-TIVE'S TURN, NOW...


IT WOULD VANISH!
HE COULD HAVE IT DEALT INTO, RIGHT NOW!

GGH ...!!
But...
HIS YAKUMAN WOULD GO OUT THE WINDOW!!
WASHIZU-SAMA'S UNSHAKE-ABLE LEAD WOULD BE NO MORE!

That prediction did not come true!
It did not happen!
!!
.....
.....
Naturally, it could not come to fruition!
WE'RE SAVED ...!!
WE...

NOT WITH HIS HAND IN THIS MISERABLE STATE!
With this Bluff!
Which meant, the only road that remained for him...
...was to bluff!
It was in no shape to take Washizu's win away!
This time, Akagi could not so much as put together a hand!
Even up against Washizu's oppression...

A TRANSPARENT, DESPERATE BLUFF!
HMPH!
SO HE'S TRYING TO RESIST ME, IS HE...?
THAT IDIOTIC INSECT ...
IS DOING EVERY-THING THAT HE CAN...

TO TRY AND STOP ME, THE UNSTOPPABLE FORCE FROM THE HEAVENS!!
THAT'S ALL!
HE'S STAYING STRONG UNTIL THE END!

I'M 99% CERTAIN THAT HE'S BLUFFING!!
HE'S BLUFF-ING!
SO, AT ANY RATE ...
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BUT...
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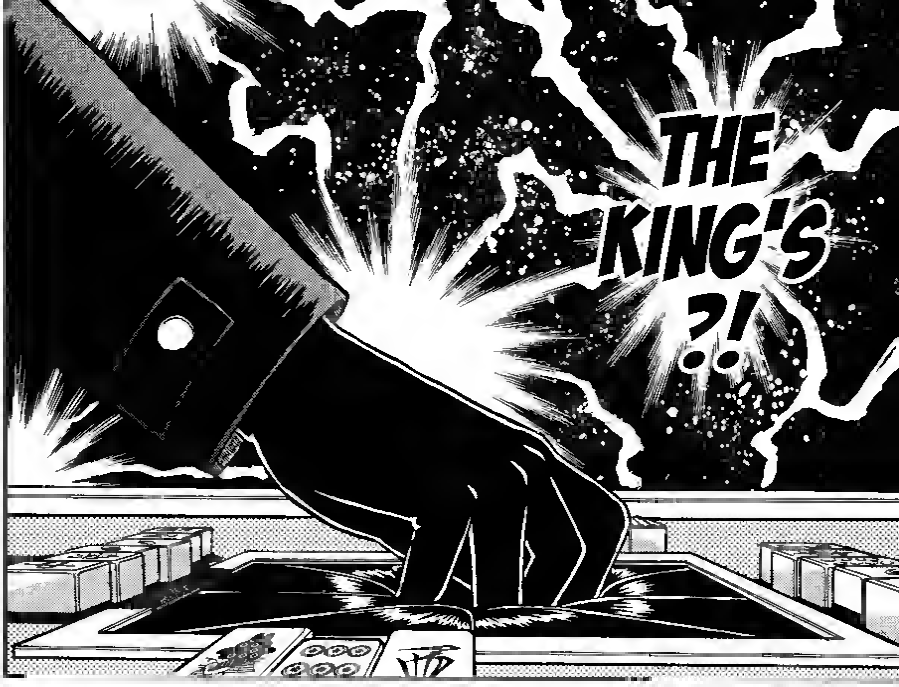
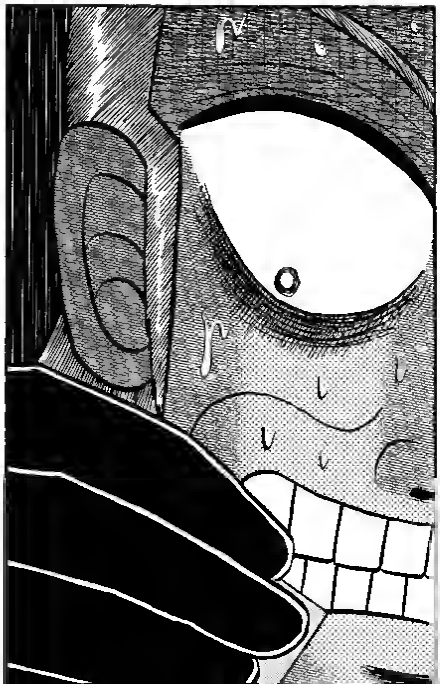
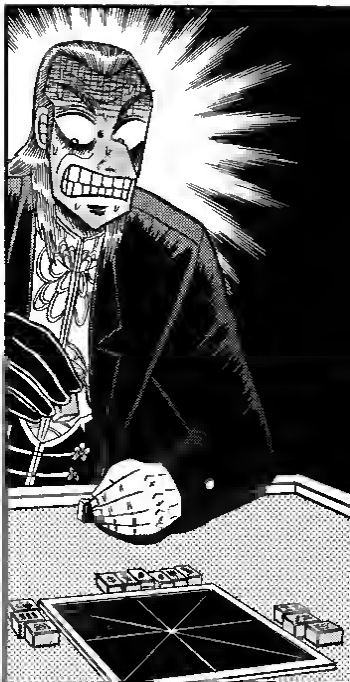
I NO LONGER HAVE ANY WINNING TILES LEFT!
HE PLUCKED MY CHUN OUT FROM THE DRAW PILE!
NOW THAT IT'S COME TO THIS...
SO ...?

PICK A SIDE!
BACK FROM THIS DESPERATE CIRCUMSTANCE?!
WHAT CAN I DO TO TAKE ME BACK, NOW?!
THE HEAVENS HAVE TO PICK A SIDE TO SUPPORT!!
SO IS IT THE DEMON'S SIDE ...?
OR IS IT...





THE EM-PER-OR'S SIDE ...?



IS IT ME ...?
HAH ...!
WHO- ....!!

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